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Eric Hellman *et al.*

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Filed: November 10, 1999

For: RETRIEVAL OF DIGITAL OBJECTS BY  
REDIRECTION OF CONTROLLED  
VOCABULARY SEARCHES

Art Unit: 2155

Examiner: Young, N. Won

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003 (Paper No. 9), finally rejecting claims 1-6, 9-13 and 15-34, the Advisory Action of February 12, 2004 (Paper No. 12), and in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Applicants have amended claims 1, 6, 9, 17, 19, 22 and 27. Claims 35-38 have been added. Claims 25-26 have been cancelled. Thus claims 1-6, 9-13, 15-24 and 27-38 are presently pending. No new matter has been added.

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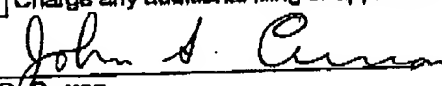
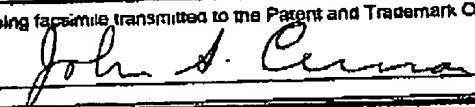
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